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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,195,409
AL PCT Application WO 02/43003
AM PCT Application WO 02/098292
AN PCT Application WO 01/59708
AU U. S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0139659

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AL, AM and AN were identified and discussed at page 3 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

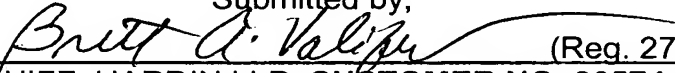
Reference AU is a further reference known to the Applicants describing an atlas for anatomical data, as well as a method for segmenting and aligning anatomical data from the atlas.

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Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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